

## REGION IV MENTAL HEALTH BOARD MINUTES

July 13, 2010 - 12:00 TO 2:00 PM

Ada County Sheriff's Office

7200 W Barrister, Boise, ID

**CHAIR:** Greg Dickerson

**VICE CHAIR:** Sharon Ullman

**Attendees:** Gayle Larson, Vern Garrett, Judi Corlett, Gina Westcott, Mechelle Wilson, Greg Dickerson, Shelley Retter, Connie Cruiser, Kate Pape, Sharon Ullman, Laura Thomas, Elizabeth Baker

**Excused Absences:** Linda Zimmer, Courtney Santillan, Scott Armentrout, Martha Ekhooff

<b>Agenda</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action/Next Steps</b>
Introductions and Attendance	Greg Dickerson	Gina introduced Mechelle Wilson, the new Children's Mental Health Chief. Mechelle told the Board about herself.	
Review Agenda	Greg Dickerson	Sharon asked to add Detox Funding to the agenda.	
State Planning Committee Report	Courtney Santillan	Since Courtney was out of town, this agenda item will be moved to the next meeting. The next SPC meeting is scheduled insync with the Federal Block Grant site visit which is August 17, 18 and 19. They may ask to speak to one or more Board members. The SPC's next meeting is August 17 and 18.	
Detox Funding	Sharon Ullman	Sharon reported that Ada County's obligation of \$250,000.00 per year to the Allumbaugh House will be cut, due to the State setting legislation that increases the County's responsibilities and because the Cities of Boise, Meridian and Garden City have not been paying the County for the use of the County's court facilities. The State Supreme Court has ordered the cities to pay for the use of the facilities.	
When to Update Bi-Laws, Strategic Planning Meeting	Greg Dickerson	The Board will meet from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. on September 14 to update the Bi-laws and conduct strategic planning.	
Needs Assessment to State Planning Committee	Greg Dickerson	Greg's letter to the SPC was responded to by Teresa Wolf. The letter was sent around for everyone to view. The Board thinks Teresa misunderstood what Greg was asking the SP Council. Teresa sent a copy of Region 2's Needs and GAPs Report, which is not what we were hoping for. The SPC does not have a template for a Needs Assessment. Greg will explain further at the next SPC meeting that we need some guidance from them as to what they want, and ask them to provide us, as well as each region, with a tool.	

		<p>Greg said we don't have a way of gathering information. WITS gathers numbers, but not outcomes. Greg will propose to the SPC that we create a survey and send it out to as many organizations as possible to gather the various information we want. Greg will ask to be placed on the SPC's agenda for the August meeting, asking for 10-15 minutes to adopt a statewide tool.</p>	
<p>Member reports and Updates CMH Subcommittee Update RAC Update</p>	All	<p>Connie reported that Elmore County is getting their specialty courts ready to go. Shelley asked about the Champion in the Transformation Work Group – who is it? Rumor is it will be someone outside the Department who will be in charge of the Work Group. Greg reported that the new Medicaid payment system is having problems with the new remittance reports, that no one can understand them. Greg said it was a “nightmare.” 2500 providers did not get re-enrolled. The CMH Subcommittee Update did not take place. Vern reported that RAC is in it's new budget, set at \$1.4 million per month. The spent \$2.2 million per month last year. This means fewer people will be getting services: pregnant women, intravenous drug users and those involved in the court system.</p>	
Other Board Items	All	<p>Gina reported that Sam Mauk is now Region 4's new Parenting with Love and Limit's (PLL) clinician. Sam was let go two years ago during a reduction in force and was able to come back. Mechelle is working with the CMH staff to be more self sufficient. Gina reported on the new budget, stating that DHW usually receives about \$300,000.00 in PATH funds for the homeless. However, this year the department is issuing an RFP to contract with an entity who will be the administrator of the PATH funds. Adult MH is \$250,000 - \$300,000 short in Personnel. We will see some salary savings with our nurse practitioner being out for two to three months. Vacant positions will have to remain open longer. The budget for Children's MH is similar to last year. The 20-511(a) court ordered residential placement are going up. There is a great need for more therapeutic foster care and step-down programs. There were about 15 people at the public hearing on the CMH rule change. Greg asked what the department planned to do – what was behind it. Gina stated that those with Medicaid and private insurance will be provided for in the community. Vern passed along a complaint from a client who said they had to wait three months to receive medications. Gina asked Vern to get more specific</p>	

		information to her because she felt something was amiss somewhere and there must be a misunderstanding. Beth stated that approving last meeting's minutes was not on the agenda. Gayle will add it on from now on.	
		Meeting adjourned.	

Next meeting is August 10, 2010 at the Ada County Sheriff's Department.